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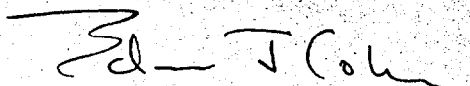
Dear Dr. Gill:

I owe you an apology for not having answered your first letter of October 1, 1948, requesting that I submit my nomination for the Passano Award for 1949. The fact is that the press of duties here in the laboratory has given me very little opportunity to thoughtfully consider a choice for this award. However, it gives me great pleasure to answer your letter of January 19th promptly.

I am enthusiastic about giving the award to Avery. I would like to cast my entire ten votes for him. Avery deserves the credit, in my estimation, for having stimulated Rene' J. Dubos, Michael Heidelberger and Walter Goebel to undertake bacteriological studies from the point of view of chemistry and these men are among the ablest bacteriologists in the country. More than anyone else in our time, through his own researches and through his students, Avery has turned the attention of bacteriologists to the consideration of specific interactions, especially those involving polysaccharides.

With all greetings, believe me to be

Very sincerely yours,


Edwin J. Cohn

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